

REMARKS

Claims 19, 22, 24, and 26 remain in the application with claims 19 and 24 having been amended hereby and claims 10, 12-18, 23, 27-37, and 39-43 having been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 19, 22, 24, and 26 under 35 USC 103, as being unpatentable over Takasu et al. in view of Kawamura et al.

Notice is respectfully taken of the indication that claims 23 and 27 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 19 has been amended hereby to include claim 23 in its entirety. Claim 23 has been cancelled.

Claim 24 has been amended hereby to include claim 27 in its entirety. Claim 27 has been cancelled.

Accordingly, by reason of the amendments made to claims 19 and 24 to include allowable subject matter and the cancellation of claims 10, 12-18, 23, 27-37, and 39-43, it is respectfully submitted that all claims remaining in this application are now in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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